1 2	3	4	5	6
27 Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.13
28 Uttar Pradesh	0.00	262.12	0.00	394.31
29 Uttaranchal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30 West Bengal	0.00	34.43	0.00	303.63
TOTAL:	120.00	586.69	39.61	3826.63

Programmes for welfare of weavers

125. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a weaver-specific programme for the welfare of the weavers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) by what date programme would be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the current financial year 2005-06, the Government of India has introduced the following new schemes for the welfare of handloom weavers:-

(i) Health Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers.

(ii) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY).

The guidelines of the Health Insurance scheme were circulated to all State Governments/UTs on 9th August, 2005 and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) on 19th September, 2005 for its implementation.

Under the Health Insurance Scheme, the annual premium is Rs. 1,000/-per weaver out of which Rs. 800/- is to be contributed by Government of India and Rs. 200/- by the weaver. The scheme is to cover not only the weaver but his wife and two children. It covers all pre-existing and new diseases and there is a substantial provision for OPD. The annual limit per family is Rs. 15,000/-, out of which Rs. 7,500/-is for OPD.

Under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY), the total annual premium is Rs. 330/- per weaver, out of which Rs. 150/- is to be

contributed by Government of India, Rs. 80/-by weaver and Rs. 100/-by Life Insurance Corporation of India. The benefits are Rs. 50,000/- for natural death and Rs. 80,000/- for accidental death.

Targets fixed for development of Textiles Industry

†126. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that targets have been fixed upto 2010 by Government keeping the development of textiles industry, in view;

(b) if so, what the total production of textiles is likely to be undertaken in the country and the quantum by which it will exceed the total production registered during the production year 2005-06; and

(c) the percentage out of the said production earmarked for export and what will be this target as compared to present export?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) National Textile Policy (NTP)-2000 makes a vision statement to achieve textile and apparel exports of US$ 50 billion by 2010. However, the textile export targets are fixed on year to year basis keeping in view the most recent export trends and potential for future growth in different textile sub-sectors. For the year 2005-06, the textile export target has been fixed at US$15.56 billion.

(b) and (c) According to the industry's vision (a study by CRISIL on behalf of Indian Cotton Mills Federation), the Indian textiles and apparel industry can achieve a potential size of US$ 85 billion by 2010, from the current size of about US $ 36 billion, of which, the domestic market potential would be US $ 45 billion and export potential would be US $ 40 billion.

Combining of mill and powerloom sector of textiles

†127. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to initiate a scheme for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.